

Remarks

In previous amendments, assignee amended the Statement of Related Applications by presented clean copies of the paragraph being amended. To comply with the form of specification amendments in Rule 121(b)(1)(ii), assignee informs the examiner of the nature of the changes by presenting the following explanation comparing the most recently presented version to the originally filed version:

-- STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a division of Serial No. 09/952,258, filed September 13, 2002, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,712,976. --

Assignee also presents certain additional claims, which assignee believes are consonant with this division, for the reasons given in connection with previous preliminary amendments. Specification support for the added claims may be found particularly at paragraphs 0056 and 0060 and in Fig. 5. Assignee respectfully requests that the Office examine the added claims with the other pending ones.

Although the PTO rules require assignee to use the code "new," assignee does not concede that the claims are directed to new subject matter but rather consonant with the original, restricted claims.

Assignee respectfully requests that the examiner pass this application to allowance at the earliest possible moment.

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